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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AL German PS 38 43 454

AM European Application 0 487 110

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AL and AM were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination proceedings for the German application corresponding to the present United States application. Reference AM is in English, and therefore no further commentary concerning its teachings is necessary. An English translation of Reference AL is not readily available to the Applicants, however, an English language Abstract is attached thereto.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

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As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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